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OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE APRIL 7, 2010 Minutes Approved, May 5, 2010

In attendance: Jane Auger, Joey Glushko, Elizabeth Karpati, Patsy Kramer, Ann LeRoy, Charlotte Milan

- The **minutes** of the March meeting were approved as presented.
- Charlotte reported on **Sustainable Arlington**:

- (1) SA wants to apply for a grant from NEGEF for a project (to be determined – possibly to support next year's EcoFest?) which could be done in cooperation with groups like the Open Space Committee, Recycling Committee, and/or Garden Club.

Discussion resulted in the suggestion that groups that conduct cleanups should do so on a staggered schedule so that they could share volunteers and tools; each group should be asked to make a list of tools that they could lend when not using them.

- (2) SA is supporting efforts to have Arlington become eligible for grants available under the Green Communities Act, which requires meeting five criteria. Arlington already meets some, and there are warrant articles before this year's Town Meeting to reach some others. Charlotte pointed out that the one that would permit ground-mounted solar installations by right applies only to areas zoned industrial, so it does not threaten open space. Arlington has joined with Lexington, Concord, and Lincoln to apply for Green Community status as a group because some criteria are impossible for certain communities to meet alone.

- The **Mill Brook report** is done. The Land Trust paid for printing 60 copies (\$350) for a distribution list of 50-plus. Joey will take care of the few copies that need to be mailed, e.g. to state agencies. OSC members present received their copies on the spot.
- The **walks** along Mill Brook are scheduled for April 24 and May 1, 2-4 p.m. The first one will go from Hurd Field to Brattle and Dudley Streets, the second from there to the end. The Selectmen will be invited when they are given their copies of the report.
- OSC will participate in the **EcoFest** on May 2 and has asked for table space.
- On Wednesday, May 5, OSC will start at **7 p.m.** because of Town Meeting.